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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM FY 2008-2009 THIRD QUARTER  
REPORT- JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2009**

Since 2001, the Board directed the Department of Health Services (DHS) to prepare quarterly reports on the Health Care Workforce Development Program (HCWDP). The following report summarizes the HCWDP educational activities for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2008-2009, January 1 through March 31, 2009.

## Nurse Education Program

- 11 HCWDP students were promoted to RN.
- 19 HCWDP students passed their Board exams for RN and are awaiting promotion.
- 5 HCWDP students were promoted to LVN.
- 1 HCWDP student passed the Board exam for LVN.
- 67 students are continuing their RN education sponsored by HCWDP at the College of Nursing and Allied Health.
- 280 students are enrolled in the pipeline preparing to enter health care career path programs.
- 16 RNs completed a Basic Dysrhythmia course.
- 7 students attended a RN Promotional Workshop.

## Psychiatric Technician Program

- 3 HCWDP students, who completed the program in the summer, passed their State Board exams and are awaiting promotion.
- 1 student is continuing in the program at Cypress College.
- 10 continue to prepare for the Board exam.

### **Health Information Technologist/Medical Record Program**

- 1 Health Information Technologist graduate was promoted.
- 28 graduates are pending promotions

### **Health Care Careers College Pre-Requisite Courses**

Pre-requisite courses are needed to enter health care professional career programs. HCWDP is currently sponsoring, through the Los Angeles Community College District, the science pre-requisite courses listed below, for DHS employees who have had difficulty accessing these courses at times and locations suited for working students.

#### **Laboratory Science courses:**

- 16 DHS students are in an Anatomy class.

#### **Social Science courses:**

- 21 DHS students are in General Psychology.
- 23 DHS students are in Political Science.
- 23 DHS students are in Sociology.
- 18 DHS students are in Speech.

### **Basic Academic Skills Courses**

HCWDP sponsors academic skills courses designed by the Worker Education & Resource Center (WERC) instructors for working adults. The courses are contextualized for health care careers, integrating themes from health care settings, along with time/management, study and test-taking skills, and critical thinking.

- 22 DHS students have completed contextualized Basic Academic Skills Courses – Building Skills in English and Math Level 1-3.
- 12 are enrolled in Basic Academic Skills Courses.
- 45 DHS students completed a College Entrance Exam Preparation Course for nursing students.

### **Skills Enhancement Workshops**

HCWDP sponsors information technology and Spanish language courses geared to the specific needs of DHS employees. These courses are taught by WERC instructors and contextualize the material to the occupational needs of the students.

- 29 DHS students enrolled in Spanish for Nurses Level 1.

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Computer in an English context is a twelve week course consisting of twenty-five hour class sessions. The course of instruction is divided between Computer Training and English/Writing Instruction. – one hour to each, per class period with computers being taught in the first hour and English/Writing being taught in the second hour of the session.

- 7 DHS employees attended the course, "Computer in an English Context".

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